



Unimas Kuching Office ready by mid-year

KUCHING - Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) will set up its Kuching office in May or June to prepare for the first intake of students in the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology.

Unimas has already set up its Kuala Lumpur office at the Damansara Town Centre.

Education Minister Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud has advised those interested to be Unimas' pioneering students to learn more about the new university.

Unimas, Sarawak's first full-fledged university will initially establish the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology.

The degree programmes under this faculty are resource bio-

technology, resource chemistry, aquatic resource and management, terrestrial biodiversity, wood and material science and, earth sciences and management.

These distinct but cross-related programmes are deemed necessary for equitable and sustainable development of the country's natural resources. The core departments are resource science and resource technology.

"If everything goes according to plans, the university may also immediately launch the Faculty of Social Sciences, followed by the Faculty of Information Technology and next year, hopefully, the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences," said the minister when an-

nouncing Unimas' Academic Plan yesterday.

The Plan which was put forward by Unimas Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Zawawi Ismail has been agreed in principle to by the university's Steering Committee.

Under the Faculty of Social Sciences, students can take their first degrees in International Studies, Social Work, Industrial Relations, Communication Studies or Planning and Management.

The first intake of students for the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology at Unimas' temporary campus in SMK Sains in Matang is expected to be in July. There will be over 100 places available for interested students.

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